

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent, and inorganic or organic particles,

wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass,

wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of 5.0×10^2 to 1.0×10^5 Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C, and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A toner according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic particles are present in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

5. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, having a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0 μm .

6. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, wherein the melting point of the release agent is 50 to 150°C.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An image-forming method, comprising:
charging a surface of an image-bearing body;
forming an electrostatic latent image according to image formation on the charged surface of the image-bearing body;

developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to obtain a toner image;

transferring to a surface of a recording medium the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, and

fusing the toner image transferred on the surface of the recording medium,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of 5.0×10^2 to 1.0×10^5 Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C, and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.

8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0 μm .

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the melting point of the release agent in the toner is 50 to 150°C.

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of 0.1×10^{-4} to 5.0×10^{-4} J/cm².

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An image-forming apparatus comprising:

- means for charging a surface of an image-bearing body;
- means for forming on the charged surface of the image-bearing body an electrostatic latent image corresponding to image formation;
- means for developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to provide a toner image;
- means for transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body to a surface of a recording medium,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of 5.0×10^2 to 1.0×10^5 Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C, and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies

$G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.

15. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W (\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.

16. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

17. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0 μm .

19. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of 0.1×10^{-4} to 5.0×10^{-4} J/cm².

20. (Currently Amended) A toner cartridge detachable from an image-forming apparatus that comprises means for developing, the cartridge containing a toner which is provided to the means for developing,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of 5.0×10^2 to 1.0×10^5 Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C, and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W(\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$.